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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/FI03/00051, filed January 22, 2003.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of the International Search Report dated April 23, 2003, and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated April 16, 2004 are submitted herewith. Applicant also provides copies of the six (6) items cited in the International Search Report.

Applicant also provides a copy of an August 29, 2002 Search Report that was issued in conjunction with counterpart Finnish Patent Application No. 20020123. A total of six (6) publications are cited in such Search Report from Finland. Copies of these publications are provided for the convenience of the Examiner. It will be noted that two (2) of these publications also were cited in the International Search Report.

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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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